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## The President Speaks

Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book as long as any document does not offend our own ideas of decency. That should be our only censorship.

How will we defeat Communism unless we know what it is? What it teaches — why does it have such an appeal for men? Why are so many people swearing allegiance to it? It's almost a religion, albeit one of the nether regions.

Now we have got to fight it with something better. Not try to conceal the thinking of our own people. They are part of America and even if they think ideas that are contrary to ours they have a right to have them, a right to record them and a right to have them in places where they are accessible to others. It is unquestioned or it is not America. — From an address by President Eisenhower, Dartmouth College Commencement, June 14, 1953.

## Eisenhower Supports "Freedom to Read"

A letter from President Eisenhower was read Friday (June 26) morning to 4,000 librarians attending the 72nd annual conference of the American Library Association in Los Angeles, by ALA President Robert B. Downs, director of libraries, University of Illinois.

Downs told the ALA Council meeting that President Eisenhower's letter was in reply to a letter Downs wrote immediately after the President's commencement address at Dartmouth June 14. Downs said his letter expressed appreciation for the President's presentation of the freedoms to which the work of librarians is dedicated and that he told the President the Los Angeles conference would concentrate on ways librarians could maintain these freedoms.

### EISENHOWER'S LETTER TO ALA THE WHITE HOUSE

Washington

June 24, 1953

Dear Dr. Downs

Thank you for your letter of June fifteenth. I am glad to know of the annual conference of the American Library Association convening this week, and of the spirit of conscientious citizenship ruling its deliberations.

Our librarians serve the precious liberties of our nation: freedom of inquiry, freedom of the spoken and the written word, freedom of exchange of ideas.

Upon these clear principles, democracy depends for its very life, for they are the great sources of knowledge and enlightenment. And knowledge — full, unfettered knowledge of its own heritage, of freedom's enemies, of the whole world of men and ideas — this knowledge is a free people's surest strength.

The converse is just as surely true. A democracy smugly disdainful of new ideas would be a sick democracy. A democracy chronically fearful of new ideas would be a dying democracy.

For all these reasons, we must in these times be intelligently alert not only to the fanatic cunning of Communist conspiracy — but also to the grave dangers in meeting fanaticism with ignorance. For, in order to fight totalitarians who exploit the ways of freedom to serve their own ends, there are some zealots who — with more wrath than wisdom — would adopt a strangely unintelligent course. They would try to defend freedom by denying freedom's friends the opportunity of studying Communism in its entirety — its plausibilities, its falsities, its weaknesses.

But we know that freedom cannot be served by the devices of the tyrant. As it is an ancient truth that freedom cannot be legislated into existence, so it is no less obvious that freedom cannot be censored into existence. And any who act as if freedom's defenses are to be found in suppression and suspicion and fear confess a doctrine that is alien to America.

The libraries of America are and must ever remain the homes of free, inquiring minds. To them, our citizens — of all ages and races, of all creeds and political persuasions — must ever be able to turn with clear confidence that there they can freely seek the whole truth, unwarping by fashion and uncompromised by expediency. For in such whole and healthy knowledge alone are to be found and understood those majestic truths of man's nature and destiny that prove, to each succeeding generation, the validity of freedom.

Sincerely,  
(signed) Dwight D. Eisenhower.

## 7-Point Statement Urges Defense of 'Freedom to Read'

Action to defend the American people's "Freedom to read" was pledged in a 7-point declaration issued by the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers Council at the annual conference of the American Library Association meeting in Los Angeles, June 21-27.

Denouncing recent attempts to censor books and to label some books as "dangerous," the declaration said: "We trust Americans to recognize propaganda and to



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reject obscenity . . . We believe they still favor free enterprise in ideas and expression . . . We do not believe they are prepared to sacrifice their heritage of a free press in order to be 'protected' against what others think may be bad for them."

The ALA Council voted its endorsement of the declaration at the second general session.

The Council also passed a resolution deploring recent attacks upon the overseas library program of the U. S.

"The American overseas libraries do not belong to a Congressional committee or to the State Department. They belong to the whole American people, who are entitled to have them express their finest ideals of responsible freedom."

## To Inform Is Public Library's Duty

(Reprinted from editorial appearing in Greenville  
 Piedmont June 30, 1953)

It should come as no surprise to anyone that certain of the books reported banned from shelves of the State Department's information (propaganda) libraries overseas are to be found on the shelves of the Greenville Public Library.

They are there because they should be made available to the public and they will continue to be made available so long as there is any vestige of freedom of information, thought, speech and press left in the United States.

This is true for many reasons, and among them are:

1. There is a vast difference between a library maintained by our State Department for the purpose of re-educating a conquered people we are trying to rehabilitate or a people we are trying to inform about America and a library maintained for the benefit of a free people accustomed to thinking for themselves.

2. Books for a library of the sort maintained overseas by our State Department should be more critically and cautiously selected and more fully annotated and labeled than those placed in a public library in this country, where anyone who takes the trouble to read can get both sides or all sides to all issues from Communism to White House policy.

3. Some of the books reportedly removed from the overseas libraries are safe enough for even the most precarious mind and informative enough to be worth anyone's time. Among such books are "I Was the Witness" by Whittaker Chambers and "Washington Witch Hunt" by Bert Andrews.

Chambers' book is an excellent expose of how the Communist conspiracy works and how it recruits its tools among misguided person, including "intellectuals" who should know better. Chambers' confession of how he was duped should be a lesson to anyone who is in danger of becoming a similar victim.

Andrews' book is a fascinating story of the red-induced hysteria that has seized the minds of many otherwise stable and patriotic Americans and it shows how the McCarthys are doing much harm in the way they approach their objective — and finding precious few Reds at that. Andrews is one of the country's finest newspapermen and he and writers like him have done more to alert the country to the danger of Communist infiltration than any dozen extremist Senators.

4. Finally, any modern library which omits from its collection the best works on Communism is failing in its duty to provide material with which its patrons can inform themselves. No library is complete without the works of Karl Marx, the Communist patron saint, for instance. By reading Marx we can see the Communist conspiracy for what it is — just as Hitler's *Mein Kampf* should have tipped us off to what the Nazi madman was about.

As for Joe McCarthy's attitude on the matter of books, we would fight to the last breath to keep him from censoring any library. It is noteworthy that Thomas Paine, the literary firebrand of the American Revolution, is among the banned authors.

Thomas Jefferson himself probably isn't safe from the likes of McCarthy — and we venture the opinion that if Jefferson were living today he soon would be in trouble, for he would give McCarthy down the country.

## Columbia to Welcome SCLA

Provident librarians and trustees are making early reservations for the meeting of the South Carolina Library Association which will be held in Columbia, October 30-31. Headquarters for the meeting will be the Wade Hampton Hotel.

Columbia Librarians are planning to give the Association a real welcome to the first meeting in Columbia in eight years. Registration will begin at noon on October 30th. The first session will be held in the meeting room of the Richland County Library. This will be followed by tours of the Richland County Library building, the new Columbia College Library building and libraries at Fort Jackson. The dinner meeting that evening will be a gala affair.

Saturday morning section breakfasts will be held at the Wade Hampton. These will be followed by the annual business meeting of the Association. The final session will be a luncheon meeting for which an interesting program is being arranged.



## Summer Reading Clubs

Vacation Reading Clubs have been conducted by public libraries in all sections of the state. Here Anderson youngsters who have successfully completed their club are having a ride on the Anderson firetruck as a special treat.



## Postal Rates

### Book Rate

Libraries are entitled to a book rate of 4c for the first pound and 1c for each additional pound within the state. This rate is given in Section 34.83 of Postal Laws and Regulations, 1948. Librarians not receiving benefit of this special book rate should cite the above section to local postmaster and request complete instructions for labeling, etc., in order to qualify for book rate.

### Film Rate

The new Postal Bill S-971 (Public Law 141) enacted July 20, 1953, will reduce cost of mailing films and other audio-visual materials.

16mm films and 16mm film catalogs **only** may be shipped by or to any person, organization or company (except commercial theatres) anywhere in the United States for the following postal rate: 1st lb. 8c; each additional lb. or fraction thereof, 4c.

The following information **must** be stamped on the film case, on or near the address label: "MAILED UNDER SECTION 34.83 (e) PLNR".

To assist the post office it is suggested that the name of the organization be listed first, followed by the name of the individual.

## McCormick Starts Library

Until July McCormick County was the only county in the state without any public library service at all. The County Council of Farm Women have worked for years to get some type of library service started. In July a small beginning was made with the aid of the County Delegation and the State Library Board.

The new library is located in the county office building and is in charge of Mrs. D. H. Langley. Five hundred books are being furnished by the State Library Board and the Board's bookmobile will visit the new library quarterly to add fresh books to the small collection. The library is open on Tuesday and Friday afternoons and on Saturday mornings.

## Herbert Hucks, Jr.

Herbert Hucks, Jr., associate librarian at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., since January 1, 1947, has been named Librarian of the college. He received the A.B. degree from Wofford College in 1934, the M.A. in French from Emory University in 1935, and the B.A.L.S. degree from Emory University in 1946. During the summer of 1945, after cessation of hostilities in Europe, he attended the Advanced French Language and Civilization Course at the Sorbonne, Paris, under the United States Army Training with Civilian Agencies Program.

He is a major in military intelligence in the United States Army Reserves.

Mr. Hucks succeeds Miss Mary S. DuPre, librarian at Wofford since 1905, retired 1953 (August).

## Miss Rachel Raisin

Miss Rachel Raisin, Head of the Circulation and Order Departments of the Charleston Free Library, has accepted the position of Reference Department Head at Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin. Miss Raisin has been with the Charleston Free Library for 10 years, and has done outstanding work. The Charleston Library Board and staff see her go with the greatest regret and hope she will soon return.

## Tax Vote in Anderson County

Citizens of Belton and Honea Path are pondering the fate of their libraries after a School District Two tax levy for library support was defeated by seven votes on July 15th. The one and a half mill levy was rejected 297 for and 304 against. A similar levy in District Five, to support the Anderson Public Library, was approved 1,473 to 434.

The election in the two districts was necessitated when the county school districts were consolidated. An-



derson County has four separate library agencies within its borders and plans were made last spring to consolidate all the libraries into a strong county library system, in line with the general pattern of public library service in the state. A bill was drawn up by a committee representing all libraries in the county for introduction in the General Assembly, but reached that legislative body too late for introduction.

## Book Week

Book Week will be held this year from November 15 to November 21, and the slogan will again be "Reading is Fun". This year's poster measures 17 x 22 inches and is printed in full color. This and other materials are described, and prices listed in a Book Week manual distributed free by the Children's Book Council which is located at 50 West 53rd Street, New York 19, New York.

## Trustee and Author

Mrs. Isabel Patterson, the chairman of the board of the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library, has recently published a book on three leading families of South Carolina—the Pattersons, the Bellingers, and the Myerses with their allied families. The title of the book is BUILDERS OF FREEDOM AND THEIR DESCENDANTS and is published by the Walton Printing Co., Augusta, Georgia.

## Colleges Receive Gifts

The McKissick Library of the University of South Carolina has been left \$10,000 by Dr. E. C. Coker.

The College of Charleston has been given a library of 2,000 volumes on English literature and related subjects by Richard E. Haymaker, an alumnus of the College.

Clemson College Library has received a collection of several hundred agricultural and South Caroliniana volumes, the gift of Mr. A. B. Bryan, former agricultural editor at Clemson. The library of the late Mr. J. E. Hunter, former mathematics professor, was presented to Clemson by his sons.

## One in a Million

The new air-conditioned building of the Richland County Library really brings them in! During the summer session of the University, two respectable middle-aged school teachers approached the librarian late one torrid afternoon to ask if they could come back that evening to do some of their work in the reference room. The answer was, of course, "yes" and that evening the two ladies returned with a small satchel. They seated themselves at a table, reached into their bag and drew out a large quart jar containing a frog pickled in formaldehyde. They removed said frog and proceeded with considerable aplomb to dissect him!

## News of Librarians

Mrs. D. E. Hydrick has taken the place of Mrs. F. W. Gaillard at the College of Charleston Library. Mrs. Gaillard retired in June.

Miss Sidelle Ellis of the Clemson College Library has been attending the graduate library school at Peabody College this summer.

Miss Marjorie Dew, a member of the staff of the Clemson College Library, has been on leave of absence this summer teaching in the library science department of the Texas State College for Women, Denton, Texas.

Miss Roselle Dill, recently a member of the staff of Furman University Library, has joined Army Library Service and is now working in Germany.

Mr. Samuel M. Baker, Jr., a June graduate of the Library School at Chapel Hill, has joined the staff of the McKissick Library as assistant reference librarian.

Miss Mary S. Dupre, for many years librarian of Wofford College will retire after the 1953 summer school session.

Mrs. Joella S. Neel, librarian of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Library, has been attending the graduate library school at Peabody this summer.

Miss Josephine Crouch, a graduate of the Library School of Emory University, has been appointed librarian of the Aiken County Library.

Mrs. Hilda Stabovitz, formerly an assistant in the County Department of the Greenville Public Library, has been appointed librarian of the Barnwell County Library.

Mr. Philip Ogilive, a graduate of the Library School of Catholic University in Washington, D. C., has been appointed assistant librarian of the Rock Hill Public Library.

Mr. James Baker Watts, until recently an officer in the Army Air Corps, has been released from his duties and will soon return to the Carnegie Library in Sumter as librarian.

Mrs. Emily Reeves, a Winthrop graduate, has been appointed librarian of the new Dorchester County Library.

Mr. Fant Thornley, former assistant librarian of the Richland County Library, will become director of the Birmingham Public Library on September 1.

Miss Estellene Walker of the State Library Board and Mrs. Virginia Moody, State Librarian, attended the meeting of the American Library Association in Los Angeles. Mrs. Moody also attended the sessions of the National Association of State Librarians.

Mr. John David Marshall, a graduate of the Library School of the University of Florida, was appointed Reference Librarian, Clemson College Library, in October.

Mr. Charles A. Stevenson, a graduate of the University of Florida Library School, will join the staff of the McKissick Library September 1 as Periodicals and Documents Librarian.



## Public Library Workshop

A Workshop for public librarians will be held by the South Carolina State Library Board immediately preceding the annual conference of the South Carolina Library Association. Registration for the Workshop will begin at noon on October 29th and the first session will be held at 2 o'clock in the offices of the State Board. There will be a supper meeting and following that an evening session held in the meeting room of the new Richland County Library. On Friday morning, October 31st, there will be two sessions of the Workshop group at the offices of the State Board.

The program is based upon preferences expressed by librarians who were circularized this spring for their choice of problems to be discussed. The topics discussed will include weeding, establishment of branch libraries, order and book selection procedure, publicity, bookmobile service, and staff relationships. There will be exhibits of annual reports, booklists, radio scripts, and various types of newspaper publicity. County libraries will exhibit posters and printed or mimeographed publicity which they have issued during the past year. Attendance at the institute will be limited to 40 librarians.

## Fund for Adult Education

The American Library Association has accepted a grant of \$100,000 from the Fund for Adult Education for the purpose of "stimulating the initiation and development of adult education services to adult and young adult community groups through libraries," it was announced by David H. Clift, ALA Executive Secretary, at ALA headquarters in Chicago.

The Fund for Adult Education is an independent organization established by the Ford Foundation.

The aid to individual libraries will be in the form of subgrants to the libraries from the original grant made to ALA, according to Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, Associate Executive Secretary, who will direct the project under administration of the ALA's Office for Adult Education.

Special consideration will be given those projects which contain original, dynamic ideas, and have possibilities of development into a national program such as the American Heritage Project, now in its third year as an ALA program under a separate grant from the Fund for Adult Education.

The grants will be made on a basis of competition open to all libraries which are invited to present plans of adult education programs for consideration. The ALA Adult Education Board will establish the policies under which the selection will be made and has set forth criteria for the plans. Project proposals must be submitted to Mrs. Stevenson not later than October 15, 1953; announcement of awards will be made not later than December 1, 1953.

## Miss Sallie Anderson

Miss Sallie Blanding Anderson, reference librarian in the McKissick Library of the University of South Carolina retired July 1, after twenty-two years' service. The hundreds of students, faculty members, and visitors

whom she has ably and cheerfully helped during this time will keenly miss her ever-willing assistance. Without casting any reflection upon those who have had the benefit of her aid it may truly be said that she is never happier than when she is about to

"Do the task that's near you,  
Though it's dull oft-whiles,  
Even if it's only helping  
Lame dogs over stiles."

Miss Anderson is a product of Statesburg, South Carolina, which, in proportion to its size, has produced more men and women of value to the state than almost any other community in it. She was the daughter of Dr. William Wallace Anderson and his wife, Julia Frier-son, which made her kin to practically everybody in the county. After graduating from Winthrop College she taught in several high schools, then entered the office of the United States Internal Revenue in Columbia, where she was deputy collector when the former Governor D. C. Heyward was collector.

After a severe illness she resigned from that position and did part-time work at the University library for a while. Becoming interested in this entirely new profession she decided to study at Columbia University in the summers and get a certificate in Library Science, which she received in 1938. When the new library was completed and the work departmentalized, Miss Anderson chose to become head of the Reference collection. She was also assigned government documents, and for a while supervised the periodical and science rooms until other arrangements could be made. She has by no means been an idle person during her connection with the institution!

In addition to her interest in her profession, being a member of the American Library Association and of the South Carolina Library Association, she is much interested in the work of St. Timothy's Episcopal church, of which she is a member. She is a past president of the South Carolina Library Association and has held other offices in that organization.

Her willingness to "go the second mile" in her relations with her fellow-workers, and the delightful sense of humor that makes her a pleasing companion, have endeared her to her friends in the library who are going to miss her more than they can express. She will not leave Columbia, however, but plans to visit among her wide family connections (having an army of them!) then return home and enjoy her house on Devine Street and grow as many roses as she can squeeze into the pretty garden she loves to work in. The McKissick folks are looking forward to enjoying many of these, too, for whatever "Sallie B." has she shares.

## Mrs. C. A. Dufford

Mrs. C. A. Dufford, Chairman of the Board of Newberry-Saluda Regional Library and Chairman of the Trustee Section of the South Carolina Library Association, was killed in an automobile accident near Elberton, Georgia on July 15th.

Mrs. Dufford had long been interested in the library progress of South Carolina and had been influential in the establishment of the Newberry-Saluda Regional Li-



brary. She had served two terms as the Chairman of the Trustee Section of the State Library Association. Mrs. Dufford's interest in libraries extended outside the borders of South Carolina. She had attended meetings of the Southeastern Library Association and several institutes and workshops on public library work held in nearby states.

Her loss is a very real one to the libraries in South Carolina.

## Johnston Fights Increase in Book Rate

Senator Olin D. Johnston (D-SC) ranking minority member of the Senate Committee on Post Office and Civil Service declared his opposition to the recent request of the Postmaster General for authority to adjust postage rates on books.

"The public schools and libraries cannot afford an increase in postage on books, and it is absolutely essential that Congress not permit any increase in postage which results in a decrease in number of books made available at the library," Senator Johnston said.

Johnston went on to say that he is not too surprised that one of the leaders of the Republican party, who campaigned so strenuously and effectively against the delegation of authority from Congress to the Executive branch of the Government, calling it a bureaucratic form of government, now comes before Congress and begs for more authority.

"I am absolutely opposed to this delegation of authority to the Postmaster General, and I am also opposed to any increase in mail rates for books at this time," Senator Johnston concluded.

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Librarians will be interested to know that the increase in postal rates was not passed by Congress this session.

## Miss Day Goes to Thailand

Miss Nancy Jane Day, Supervisor of School Libraries, South Carolina State Department of Education, left on June 7th for Bangkok, Thailand where she will be lecturer in Library Science at the University of Chulalongkorn.

Miss Day will instruct prospective librarians in the fields of public, college and school library work. This service is covered by a Fulbright grant which was given for a nine month period.

Miss Day will return to South Carolina by way of Egypt, India and Europe. While Miss Day is away her work will be done by Miss Nancy Burge, formerly school librarian in York, South Carolina.

## Sumter Uses New Service

By James Pickering, Director

At Sumter we have found the Public Relations Planner a very great help in our publicity program. Since there is only one professionally trained librarian to select books, catalog them, handle all personnel problems, as well as plan the publicity program so vital to

the life of any library, the publicity program is usually the job to be left undone.

The Public Relations Planner has helped us with our publicity like the Wilson cataloging service has helped us with our cataloging chores. Every month the Public Relations Planner comes with four pages of completely worked out plans. Sometimes it is a theme we've been able to use and sometimes it has not been so appropriate for our use. One month we used the gardening theme and followed the suggestions given that we could use. We not only worked up a good publicity campaign, but the Sumter Council of Garden Clubs were impressed enough to give their entire library collection to the public library. We probably would never have been able to get these books, nor would we likely have thought to suggest that they give their books to the library for the use of garden club members and the public alike, if we had not had this month of emphasis on gardening.

The following month the suggested theme was not one we felt we could put over, so we cancelled the order for the poster and leaflet material, saved our money, and just stretched out the gardening theme over the two months.

The posters are good and require no additional printing since the term public library is used. The pamphlets or tracts are well worded and reflect the art work of the posters. Most places of business, especially where people wait, are glad to let us deposit a few on their counters or tables.

All ideas have to be adapted but we feel that its much easier to adapt than to manufacture our own from scratch.

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## To Library School

Columbia will be well represented at library school this winter. Miss Martha Woodham, an assistant at the Richland County Library, will attend Emory University where she has been granted a fellowship. Mr. James Milling will also be at Emory. Until recently he has been teaching at Christ School near Asheville, N. C. Mr. Tom Walker, whose Book and Record Shop is almost an institution among Columbia music lovers, will enter the library school of the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Elizabeth B. Foran, until recently an assistant at the Caroliniana Library, will also attend the library school at Chapel Hill.